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Christ Gives Comfort In Time Of War

"JESUS is a rock in a weary land; a shelter in the time of storm." A solid rock in a quaking world, an impervious shelter from a torrent of woe. This is the theme of a gracious little book entitled "THE ADEQUACY OF CHRIST" . . . published by the Zondervan Company.

Dr. Clarence E. Mason, Jr., the Author, begins the discussion with a description of a War Bond Poster, hanging in Grand Central Station, New York City. On the Poster is a picture of a soldier bidding his wife goodbye just before boarding the train. The sun shines through the windows and falls softly upon the couple. All else is indistinct. With difficulty one reads the station clock in the background.

The soldier will be leaving his wife in a few brief moments. The observer's eyes are riveted upon the two figures. All else is forgotten by him, as by them. The soldier's face is hidden by his wife's head pressed against his shoulder, as his arms enfold her. Her eyes are closed. Here is a boy whose heart is breaking. He is attempting to give courage and strength to one who is trying to be brave, but finding it very difficult. Her hand on his shoulder is a poem of pathos. There is a pleading note in it, which says, "I can't let you go, but I must!" Under this heart-moving picture are these words:

"No, Don't Turn Your Eyes Away. You're not intruding. Wrapped in the poignancy of their own parting, these two are alone amid the hurrying thousands in this great railroad station.

"What station? It happens to be Grand Central Terminal. But it might be La Salle Street Station in Chicago. It might be Seattle or New Orleans. For everywhere you'll see the same deeply moving human drama.

"The mother who stands crumpling the handkerchief she'd meant to wave . . . hoping her smile will look all right to the young fellow in uniform just going through the train gate.

"The father looking over her shoulder . . . tight-lipped . . . remembering. Remembering when that youngster's head

came barely to his own elbow . . . those evenings together in their basement workshop . . . the proud day at the lake when his son first beat him swimming to the raft.

"Another couple . . . but why go on?

"Come. Stand here yourself. Stand for an hour with open eyes . . . Then, with those same eyes, have another look at the sum you planned to invest in War Bonds . . . The goodbyes, the heartaches, the sacrifices cannot cease until this war is over . . . and it will not be over until it is really won!"

Following this description of the Poster, Dr. Mason says:

"All over our land today, tens of thousands of families are being rent asunder by the cruel necessities of war. These partings are painful, but doubly so to untold thousands because, not knowing our Saviour and recognizing the real possibility of loss in action, they have no assurance that they will ever see each other again. The growing casualty lists increase the terror of the thought: I may never see Jim again! No wonder nameless dread possesses the hearts of millions in America today!"

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THE BIG QUESTION

Next, a warning note against over-optimism and wishful thinking about a possible speedy end to the conflict is sounded. Facts and statistics assembled from military sources are cited. Christian readers are urged to brace themselves for further sacrifices and suffering. The Author insists that, "America needs to fall on knees of repentance and trust in the living God, instead of relying upon the arm of flesh."

With these points covered, Dr. Mason asks the paramount question, the answer to which comprises the major part of his book: "FOR DAYS LIKE THESE, PROLONGED DAYS OF SEPARATION AND SORROW, HAVE WE A CHRIST WHO IS ADEQUATE TO MEET THE NEED OF LONELY AND BLEEDING HEARTS?"

It makes a lot of difference whether one faces the hardships of these days alone . . . or with Christ! The believer who tells the boy in uniform goodbye, walks away from the railroad station knowing that Christ is with him "always, even unto the end of the world"—Matthew 28:20.

While, as Dr. Mason says, "The Christian is not promised exemption from the trials common to man," yet "he is assured that 'God is faithful' and will not permit one to be tested above that he is able to bear, but will 'make a way to escape' that he may be able to endure whatever trials come upon him."

"The peace of the Christian is not that of a hothouse plant," he continues. "It is that of the giant oak of the forest which, though it feels the fury of the storm, holds its head high and stands firm."

KNOWING FIVE THINGS

Christ's followers are described as living on the Victory Side in time of war because they Know Five Things:

● First . . . The Lord Jesus Christ is omnipresent in the Holy Spirit and therefore constantly with the Christian boy of the armed forces.

"New Caledonia, Vella Lavella, Papua, Tunisia, Iceland, Kiska, Casa-

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God's Hand In American History

By Rev. Gerald B. Winrod, D. D.

THE year 1620 found the Pilgrims preparing to leave Europe for America. They set sail on the Mayflower. Before reaching these shores they drew up a document known as the Mayflower Compact as the basis of law and order in the new colony to be established. This statement of principles rooted in reverence for God later became the basis of the Constitution of the United States. The Pilgrims were devout people. They made no pretense of social or educational position. They were humble folk possessed of a firm faith in the Christian religion.

It is not the least difficult to trace the hand of God in American history from earliest beginnings. Every period of stress has been accompanied by special providences. There remains a spark of faith smoldering in the soul of America waiting to be fanned into a flame during the present crisis. We have been a favored people. We ought to be a thankful people.

When Columbus started his voyage the vessel was headed in the direction of Delaware Bay. One day a flock of birds was seen flying overhead moving south-east. Pinzon persuaded Columbus to change his course and follow them. This caused the vessel to land on the little island of San Salvador in the West Indies instead of Delaware Bay.

One person reading this historical account sees only a flock of birds. Another sees the hand of an All-wise Providence. Columbus took possession of the West Indies in the name of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. Spanish exploitation was thereby conveyed to that part

of the world. The North American continent was preserved for a different kind of emigrant—and a different future.

A FAVORED POSITION

There were great political and religious convulsions in Europe during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Some of the best people turned their faces westward toward the new world. The thirteen colonies emerged from a religious background. They possessed few books but had the one Book. The Bible was supreme with them in matters of law and ethics. It was a guide for character and conduct. It became the foundation of the new Republic. The missionary motive brought far more people to the new world than the desire for riches.

I have previously called attention to the fact that around our globe there is a narrow zone between the thirtieth and sixtieth parallels north latitude, from which high orders of civilization have developed. The nations that have given direction to the thought of mankind in philosophy, art, poetry, history and science . . . the people who have led in matters of religion and government have been crowded into this strip of less than thirty degrees.

Between the thirtieth and sixtieth

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parallels we have Palestine, Greece, Rome, Germany and England. The United States is in that magic belt. Our flag was not made to fly amid the ice deserts of Russia where the finer sensibilities are subjected to the frosts of physical adversity. Our flag was not made to fly over burning deserts where torrid weather leaves mind and body sapped of strength. We lie too far south to be bound by chains of cold. We lie too far north to come under the enervating influences of a tropical Sun. The present commanding position that the United States occupies in world affairs did not come by chance or accident. Providences have always worked in our behalf.

After these many decades of orderly government based upon Christian principles and a written Constitution our free institutions are now facing their greatest challenge. Every Christian is faced with a solemn responsibility to do his part in defending the Faith of the fathers in this solemn hour. Religious decay is always followed by economic and political decay. When the religious conscience becomes calloused, business, industry, agriculture and every department of life feels the effect. Twelve years of new deal mis-rule and communistic exploitation only became possible through devitalization of the Nation's spiritual resources.

DAYS OF PRAYER

Statesmen of the past have realized the necessity of cultivating the Nation's religious life as a means for strengthening the national character. They knew

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that representative government rested upon the right purpose of the individual citizens who do the voting. An example of the attitude of farseeing leaders is noted in the decision of Abraham Lincoln and the Congress to suggest a day of Special Prayer during the Civil War. With his own hand Lincoln penned the following immortal document which called millions of God-fearing people to their knees:

"WHEREAS a joint committee of both Houses of Congress has waited on the President of the U. S. and requested him to 'recommend a day of public humiliation, prayer and fasting to be observed by the people of the U. S. with religious solemnities, and the offering of fervent supplications to Almighty God for the safety and welfare of these states, His blessings on their arms, and a speedy restoration of peace'; and

"WHEREAS it is fit and becoming to all people at all times to acknowledge and revere the supreme government of God, to bow in humble submission to His chastisements, to confess and deplore their sins and transgressions in the full conviction that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and to pray with all fervency and contrition for the pardon of their past offenses and for a blessing upon their present and prospective action; and

"WHEREAS when our own beloved country, once, by the blessing of God, united, prosperous and happy, is now afflicted with friction and civil war, it is peculiarly fit for us to recognize the hand of God in this terrible visitation, and in sorrowful remembrance of our own

faults and crimes as a nation and as individuals to humble ourselves before Him and to pray for His mercy — to pray that we may be spared further punishment, though most greatly deserved; that our arms may be blessed and made effectual for the re-establishment of law, order, and peace throughout the wide extent of our country; and that the inestimable boon of civil and religious liberty, earned under His guidance and blessing by the labors and sufferings of our fathers may be restored in all its original excellence:

"THEREFORE, I, Abraham Lincoln, President of the U. S. do appoint the last Thursday of September next as a day of humiliation, prayer and fasting for all the peoples of the nation. And I do earnestly recommend to all the people, and especially to all ministers and teachers of religion of all denominations and to all heads of families, to observe and keep that day according to their several needs and modes of worship in all humility and all religious solemnity, to the end that the united prayer of the nation may ascend to the Throne of Grace and bring down plentiful blessings upon our country.

"IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the U. S. to be affixed this 12th day of August A. D. 1861, and of the Independence of the U. S. of A. the eighty-sixth."

Abraham Lincoln

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THIS was followed later by a second Call to Prayer. Within three months the end of the Civil War was in sight. In recognition that God had heard and answered prayer Lincoln then called a

third Day of Prayer for the purpose of expressing national Thanksgiving that the struggle had been brought to a sudden close. On that occasion, July 15, 1863, he incorporated the following clause in his Proclamation:

"It has pleased Almighty God to hearken to the supplications and prayers of an afflicted people and to vouchsafe to the Army and the Navy of the United States victories on land and on the sea so signal and so effective as to furnish reasonable grounds for augmented confidence that the Union of these States will be maintained, their Constitution preserved, and their peace and prosperity permanently restored. But these victories have been accorded not without sacrifices of life, limb, health, and liberty, incurred by brave, loyal, and patriotic citizens. Domestic affliction in every part of the country follows in the train of these fearful bereavements. It is meet and right to recognize and confess the presence of the Almighty Father and the power of His hand equally in these triumphs and in these sorrows:

"Now, therefore, be it known that I do set apart Thursday, the 6th day of August next, to be observed as a day for national thanksgiving, praise and prayer, and I invite the people of the United States to assemble on that occasion in their customary places of worship and in the forms approved by their own conscience render the homage due to the Divine Majesty, for the wonderful things He has done in the nation's behalf, and invoke the influence of His Holy Spirit to subdue the anger which has produced and so long sustained a needless and cruel rebellion, to change the hearts of the insurgents, to guide the counsels of the Government with wis-

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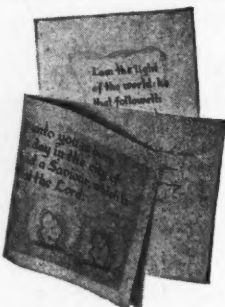
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Early in 1936 when men of vision were seeing the need of a spiritual awakening in our Country, a southern Minister and Evangelist called at the White House with 101,729 signed petitions garnered from every part of the United States, requesting the President to follow Lincoln's example and call a Day of Prayer. The suggestion was rejected by a White House secretary who explained that such an act might have a bad effect on the stock market.

GOD'S HAND IN HISTORY

History is replete with acts of supernatural intervention in times of stress when suffering people have been driven to their knees before God. Spiritual forces more potent than anything known to science are released through mass prayer.

The middle of the sixteenth century found Spain mistress of the seas. She was prospering through new discoveries made in various parts of the world. England was starting to build a navy and both countries realized a conflict for supremacy of the seas to be inevitable. Francis Drake, an English seaman and adventurer, turned his vessel toward Spain in 1577 and on the way seized a Spanish ship laden with valuable treasures. King Philip of Spain built a huge fleet with which to attack England, called the Invincible Armada.

Spain had three ships to England's one. The opposing fleets met in the Eng-

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lish Channel. The British vessels although equipped with larger guns were hopelessly outnumbered. While the fighting was in progress a hurricane unexpectedly swept the Channel blowing the Spanish fleet into confusion. Queen Elizabeth was so certain God had intervened that she ordered a medal struck on which were engraved the words: "God blew, and they were scattered."

Napoleon summed up his ideas on war and peace in the words: "France needs glorious deeds, and hence war." Again he said: "She must be first among the States or she is lost. In our position I shall look upon each conclusion of peace as simply a short armistice, and I regard myself as destined during my term of office to fight almost without intermission." He dreamed of bringing all Europe under a system of one-man government. The time came when he reckoned himself powerful enough to attack Russia. He mobilized 400,000 men.

The march has been described by historians as "a fearful undertaking." Speed was necessary to drive a wedge between Russia and Prussia. This meant taking the vast army far from its base with no assurance of food for the men. The Russians enticed Napoleon farther and farther from home by retreating. When he reached Moscow the city was in ashes, having been destroyed so that neither shelter nor provisions would be available for his soldiers. The elements, not the Russians, defeated Napoleon and buried thousands of men beneath a shroud of snow. Less than 20,000 returned to France alive. The Emperor was forced to abdicate in 1814 and go into retirement on the island of Elba.

Representatives of the nations of Europe met in Vienna to draft terms for permanent peace. Word was brought to them that Napoleon had escaped and assembled another army. He was reported to be marching north. The delegates immediately formulated plans for blocking the attack. Napoleon was at that time crossing France in the direction of Brussels where he hoped to engage the British, led by Wellington, before the Prussians under Blucher could

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arrive. He sent Marshal Ney in advance to start the assault.

The English armies made a quick retreat to Waterloo. Napoleon needed only to crush the inferior forces of Wellington before Blücher's arrival and he would again have Europe at his mercy. His staff was ordered to attack at six o'clock the next morning, June 18, 1815. Everything was ready but during the night the elements again smote the war lord. There was a drenching rain which made artillery movements difficult. The major part of the battle did not take place until late in the afternoon. Blücher arrived in time to save the day and help deal the blow that crushed Napoleon and destroyed his hopes.

"NO, GOD DID IT"

The first shots of the World War were fired August 4, 1914. The last shots were fired with the signing of the armistice November 11, 1918. Between these two dates there was untold suffering, bloodshed, sorrow and pain—also several unmistakable acts of supernatural intervention.

It was arranged that the first gas should be released from the trenches by the Central Powers the afternoon of April 22, 1915. Dr. Schmaus, head of the German meteorological division, announced that the wind was blowing perfectly to carry the poison substance across the lines of the Allies at Ypres. The scientific apparatus indicated that favorable conditions might be expected to continue for thirty-six hours. But no sooner was the gas released than the wind changed its course and whirled the billows of poison back in the direction from whence it came. Dr. Schmaus said later that there was no record of the elements having ever put on such a performance in the forty years that reports had been compiled.

One of the strangest experiences of the World War occurred on the banks of Italy's lazy river the Piave. Troops of the Central Powers had poured over the Alps and were ready for a vigorous offensive against Italy. Venice was almost in their grasp. They were ready to cross the Piave when suddenly the skies blackened and rain began to fall. Bridges were washed out. Men and munitions were swept away by the torrent.

The Piave is usually a slow, sluggish stream but this unexpected flood turned defeat into triumph for the Italians. No less than 40,000 prisoners were taken. When General Diaz was congratulated upon his victory he replied with deep emotion: "No, God did it."

The present Thanksgiving season should remind us that the Infinite God is vitally concerned in the affairs of men and nations. Every effort must be exerted to place our Country in line with the the Divine Will through prayer and recognition of supernatural guidance. Daniel's words to King Nebuchadnezzar should be kept before us:

"Blessed be the name of God forever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: And he changeth the times and the seasons; he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: He revealeth the deep and secret things, and the light dwelleth with him."

Russia In Current History And Prophecy

Dr. F. J. Miles . . . Chicago, Illinois

NOTHING in this article is to be construed as an attack upon the Soviet Government, much less on the Russian people. There is no need to write of their military achievements—said achievements being staggeringly astonishing to those who were unprepared and uninformed. To those of us who had seen this military machine in the days of its development, what has happened was only to be expected.

Converting a nation of peasants into artisans, the mass-production under the three 5-year plans, while failing in some directions, has been a matchless accomplishment.

In the realm of education, the development has been phenomenal. When the Soviet instituted its educational policy, 87 per cent of the population was illiterate. By the end of 1938, only 14 per cent in the most remote agricultural provinces and not more than 5 per cent

In this article, Dr. Miles continues the line of thought developed last month. That his October treatise met a cordial reception, is indicated by the hundreds of appreciative letters received at Defender offices in Wichita. Dr. Miles is International Secretary of the Russian Missionary Society . . . and one of the world's leading authorities on conditions in Russia.

in the urban areas were illiterate. Beginning with 25 million, before the outbreak of the war, 33 million children were attending school daily. Adults also keenly desired education. Last time I was in Moscow the demand was so great that the Government's printing department was 10 months behind schedule in the issue of text books. This was, and is, marvelous. Though the program was sadly marred by the fact that no

teacher in school, college or university was permitted to enter a place of worship . . . and that while no religious teaching of any kind was legal, these scholars were daily impregnated and all their lessons permeated with anti-religious propaganda.

We are told that no discordant note should be uttered between allies. But while there is truth and wisdom in that—it is by no means all the truth, nor is it the summum bonum of all wisdom. World War II has taught us even more forcefully the lesson we needed and still need to learn, to,

"BE PREPARED."

Will it do us any good to win the war and again lose the peace? Shall we ostrich-like (though the phrase is a libel on that astute bird) bury our heads in the sand; or shall we open our eyes wide and face facts?

What will Russia require when the war ends? And how will her claims coincide or clash with our essential principles? Russia is certain to demand the domination of Finland. Else why did she attack that little land and brave people without provocation?

Russia will require the return of her provinces, that in the fall of 1918 broke away and became the independent republics of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. This is not guess work. Molotoff overnight reached a decision that could only be legally made by the alteration of the Constitution, which would take approximately two years. He told the world that the 16 Republics of the U.S.S.R. would in the future be absolutely autonomous, having their own armies and representatives to Foreign Powers. But there were only 13 republics. He made 16 by including the three Baltic States: counting his chickens before they were hatched!

While religious propaganda was "counter-revolutionary" the Soviet Government broadcast religious services of the Greek Orthodox and Evangelical type into the Baltic States, in order to induce the people to believe that when the Russian Army advanced they would be treated differently than the last time those lands were invaded. This is not mere book knowledge. On their last entry, the Russians took over the Russian Missionary Society's Salvation Temple in Riga—Latvia's capital city of 400,000 people on the Russian Border and converted it into a theater. (We formerly had four churches in Riga—Russian, Latvian, German and Polish.) The main auditorium seats 2,500. Thousands were converted there.

They took the Russian Pastor, a humble and faithful Preacher of the Gospel, who had never meddled with politics, even indirectly, and sent him, his wife and family in cattle trucks to Siberia; from whence they have not returned. This would seem to indicate that the Leopard has not changed its spots. What may we expect in the way of

FUTURE DEMANDS?

What of the Ukraine? (Ukraina, Russian Border Land). The Ukrainians outside the land for the last score of years have been spending \$50,000 a year propagating "Ukrainia for the Ukrainians." Poland wants the former Polish half restored to her. Russia wants the whole. She can put up a better case than

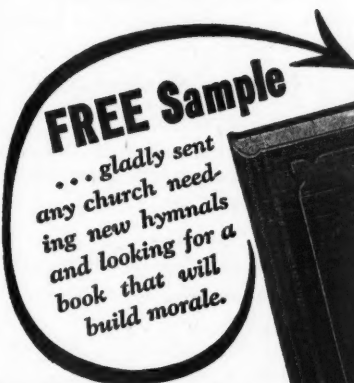
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for other lands as the Ukraine on both sides of the old, artificial boundary is largely settled by white Russians and Ukrainians. They can't all have it.

Russia will assuredly demand Bessarabia, Romania, and finds support for her claim as under the preceding paragraph. Romania will want to retain it. Bessarabia seeks independence. They can't all have it.

In China there are 13 provinces covering 300,000 square miles with a population of 90 millions under the Soviet Government. China's successful troops were Soviet trained and led, and in the early days of the Japanese attack these soldiers and those under Chiang Kai-Shek waged war against each other. Russia will certainly desire and demand a big buffer State between her own proper territory and possible Japanese aggression.

I will not over emphasize the following as I have no clear Scriptural basis for it. I do not prophesy: I only teach prophecy because it is in my text book—the Bible. But Russia has no more forgotten or forgiven Port Arthur than we are likely to forget Pearl Harbor. It does not pay Russia and Japan to fight on

two fronts, so they are not at war. When Germany is beaten to the dust, will not Russia attack Japan, her greatest enemy? And when Japan is defeated, will not the Soviet Government say to us politely in effect—You could not do it alone, we have done it; now we want so and so?

I have dealt in my booklet "Russia and Palestine in Prophecy" (25 cents, available from Russian Missionary Society, 1844 West Monroe Street, Chicago 12, Illinois) with the mass production of Russia which will be resumed after the war, her power to flood the world and undersell competitors, which necessitates a port open all the year around for export purposes on the Mediterranean. Haifa? In any case she must come to the world through the Dardanelles. So you have a Balkan problem.

(Editor's Note: A striking article appeared in the October 1944 Reader's Digest, entitled,

"THE NEW COMMUNISTIC CONSPIRACY."

and at this point we beg Dr. Miles' indulgence long enough to quote four significant paragraphs.)

"Recently the American press has talked less and less about the Com-

munist danger. Yet that danger has never been greater than it is today. As one who worked 20 years under the Communist dictatorship in close association with the Soviet leaders, I feel it is my duty to warn the American people against this insidiously growing menace to their free institutions.

"The present situation is a curious paradox. The United States is waging a deadly struggle against Nazi totalitarianism. All its energies, labor, wealth, thousands of its lives, are being sacrificed to destroy this enemy of democracy. Yet, at the same time, in the press, on the radio, in the Government and among liberal circles supposed to represent the vigilant conscience of the nation, there is in process a moral and psychological disarmament before another totalitarian conspiracy—that of the Communists—which threatens our democracy even more seriously.

"It is dismaying to see how our Left intelligentsia, swayed by subtle Communist propaganda, have transformed the triumph of superhuman fighting will of the Russian people into a triumph of the totalitarian Communist regime. The Russians had no choice but to fight under whatever regime they had, and they rightly decided that foreign tyranny would be worse than native. But what shall we say of American "democrats" who, instead of praising the Russian people and hoping they may reap the reward of freedom, praise the regime that oppresses them and compare it favorably with our democratic way of life?

"The unspeakable tragedy of the Russian people is that they are compelled to fight the foreign aggressor without any rights or liberties of their own. Every second family of these Russian fighting men has lost someone in a purge, or to one of the concentration camps in which at least ten million victims of the dictatorship are still enduring a living death."

The writer of this article, Mr. Alexander Barmine, is introduced by the Reader's Digest as, "A former high official of the Soviet Government."

Dr. Miles continues, touching briefly upon the

PROPHETIC ANGLE.

In the booklet referred to above I have discussed the reasons why the Nazis got control of Germany. Therein I have printed an excerpt from the Manifesto

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The Russian Fields Are White To Harvest

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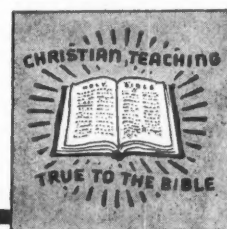
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issued by the Communist Executive in Germany on September 17, 1932. It was directed to the overthrow of the then Von Papen Government and stated that "only a workmen and peasants Republic, linked up with the Russian Soviet Union, again linked up with the workers of France, Poland, Czechoslovakia, will throw off the yoke of oppression." Then the German populace woke up and (while there were other contributing elements) to save themselves from the menace of Communism, put the Nazis into power with Schickelgruber at the head. It is conceivable that after the war ends we shall allow the Nazis to continue in control? There is only one alternative Government possible—Communist! And we are faced by an immediate link "between Prussia and Russia."

Considerations of space have forbidden my drawing conclusions step by step. I lump them together now. We English speaking peoples by our essential

principles, by our promises made to the people concerned, are pledged to the independence of Finland, the "self determination of small nations" such as Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Bessarabia; we are committed to Poland in the matter of the Ukraine; we are pledged to China as regards those Russian border lands, we must perforce be constant and consistent in our Balkan policy; and so on every count we shall be in total opposition to the Soviet Union. And "who is sufficient for these things?" If my Readers have not seen and sensed the call and challenge to prayer in the foregoing, I must be dull in comprehension and even duller in expression. So, pray brethren pray. (Within the last month a statement has appeared in Life Magazine by former ambassador William Bullitt, predicting war between the United States and Russia within 15 years.)

I have omitted one point in this summing up: The Relation of Germany and Russia. It will not surprise Bible students, who know that the Northern Con-

federacy must attack Palestine, that it will have Russia at its head and Germany as one of its major constituents. Ezekiel, chapter 38, leaves little doubt on this score. I think it possible that there will be a breakup of Germany; that Bavarians who differ so much, may break away from the Prussians. I say "I think," because I have no Scripture for it. But the Bible clearly teaches an ultimate Union of Germany (Prussia) and Russia. A Communist Government in Germany linked to a Communist Government in Russia would leave us facing a combination of Communist forces in Europe which would be invincible. So, pray, brethren, pray! Yes and let us practice as we pray: flood Russia with the Word of God as soon as the door flings open wide; meantime send tens of thousands of Russian New Testaments to the Russian internees in German camps; and do all we can along evangelical lines—to meet and mitigate the greatest menace the world has ever had to face. The Russian Missionary Society is dedicated to this task.

Archaeology In Ur Of Chaldees

Dr. J. O. Kinnaman . . . Long Beach, California

AS children in Sunday School we were taught lessons about the life of Abraham. Higher Criticism was cutting swaths in the faith of our forefathers and even small-gauged teachers often liked to display their "superior" knowledge and erudition. The published works quoted so vociferously in those days have now passed out of print . . . but the inspired Word stands.

The Critics used to insist that Abraham as an individual never existed. They said Abraham was the name of a half-wild, nomadic Arabic tribe wandering about on the marginal land of the Arabian desert. They further explained that the story of his life, related in

Genesis, was not of a man—but rather garbled, traditional folklore. **ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCE FINALLY CAME TO THE RESCUE AND PUT AN END TO SUCH NONSENSE.**

Abraham, an individual . . . and Ur of the Chaldees, a city, are mentioned in Genesis 11:27-28. Ur is today represented by a vast mound to the west of the river Euphrates, which is known to the inhabitants as "Tell Al Muqayyar," meaning "place of pitch." The modern name is due to the fact that the mound

has long been used by natives as a place to obtain bitumen, or pitch, for building purposes.

Ur was admirably situated to achieve commercial and historical importance. The Euphrates flowed at its gates, affording easy transportation facilities. A city so favorably located would naturally develop political and commercial superiority. In Abraham's day, this locality represented the highest order of civilization achieved by man. Abraham and his household were subjects of Hammurabi, the great administrator and emperor.

The southern part of what became known as Babylonia has been called by several names: Sumar, Akkad and even Shinar. But whatever the name, the ter-

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ritory embraced about the same boundary lines. The country between the two great rivers, Euphrates and Tigris, became known as Mesopotamia. This was the first area to be settled by the White Man . . . and Ur was his first city. According to the spade of archaeology and remaining artifacts, it was one of the most ancient cities in the world.

By the time of Abraham's appearance on the scenes, Ur had ceased to be the political capital of what is usually called Babylonia. It was rather a cultural center and religious capital characterized by libraries, schools, museums and the refinements known to human society. There was absolutely no illiteracy in Ur at the time of Abraham. Except for mechanics, modern life does not approach the period about which we are now studying.

Prior to 1919 little was known of Ur. Mr. J. E. Taylor, British Consul at Basra, was the first to place the spade into an almost nameless mound located about half way between Baghdad and the head of the Persian Gulf . . . and ten miles west of the present course of the Euphrates. Unfortunately, lack of funds and hostility on the part of nomad tribes interrupted his labors. But he had brought to light sufficient inscriptions and artifacts to silence the Higher Critics on this subject and prove that the great mound actually covered the Biblical Ur of the Chaldees. As previously stated, this mound is called "Tell Al Muqayyar."

After the World War, British troops occupied this part of Mesopotamia and archaeological work was allowed to continue. The year 1918 found Mr. R. C. Thomas making soundings in Ur and excavations at Eridu. Dr. R. H. Hall of the British Museum started work in this territory the following year. During 1922, Dr. C. L. Woolley, field director for the British and University of Pennsylvania Museums, began excavations and continued until 1934.

Now, let me be your guide through ancient Ur where Abraham lived until he was about fifty years of age:

If I were to inquire where you wished to go for a cross-sectional view of the city . . . What would be your answer? The archaeologist would go to the "dump-heap," sink a well and examine the artifacts used by the inhabitants. That is exactly what archaeologists did at Ur. The city was a port on the Persian

Gulf at the time of Abraham. The piers and docks are still there. The dry bed of the Euphrates touches the foot of the walls on the river side. With the passing of the centuries, the river has changed its course and now flows ten miles east of the ruins.

Walking along the river wall, our eyes scan a plain extending far out into the old river bed. It is almost perfectly level. Presently we come upon what the archaeologist calls a "well." This well is square and more than seventy feet deep. Dr. Woolley sunk it for exploratory purposes. Going down, perpendicularly, the archaeologist gets a cross-sectional view of life as lived by the people when the community was a flourishing city.

As workmen slowly dug their way down, they came upon a clean layer of

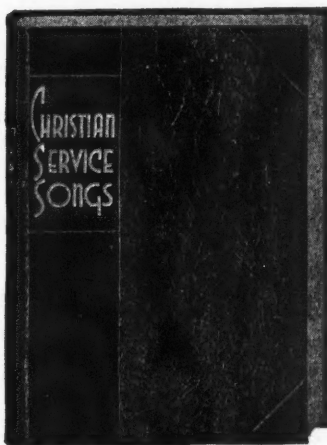
clay. Some thought it useless to dig further. They thought the lowest levels of Ur had been reached. But Dr. Woolley insisted that they continue. This stratum of clay proved to be eight feet thick. Members of the expedition were amazed to find under it, an entirely different type of artifacts than anything known to modern man. **ONLY A VIOLENT CATASTROPHE OF NATURE LIKE THE GREAT DELUGE DESCRIBED IN GENESIS, COULD HAVE BURIED THE ORIGINAL CITY BENEATH EIGHT FEET OF CLAY.** Then following the Flood another city was built on the same spot.

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that an earlier city existed there. In other words, Dr. Woolley's discovery confirmed the veracity of the Genesis story regarding the Deluge in Noah's day . . . and proved that the original Ur existed during antediluvian times.

This same stratum and artifacts, with cities beneath it, have been found at three places: Ur, Fara and Kish. The order of civilization under the layer is so different from the remains found above, that there remains no possible doubt of the continuity of history having been suddenly broken by the Flood . . . and never again established according to the original plan. Among the things of great value found beneath the Deluge stratum were "books" and seals. The books were discovered by Dr. Langdon at Kish, and the seals by Dr. Schmidt at Fara and Dr. Wooley at Ur.

The art of writing is as old as the White Race. It came into the world with them and has not been lost. The art was very old when Abraham attended schools of learning in Ur. In fact, it was so old that the Sumerian was then a dead language just as Latin and Classical Greek are today.

The major part of the residential section of the city has been uncovered and as a result, we can now see the homes which stood during the time of Abraham and later. Archaeology fits into the picture given in Isaiah 58:12, "And they

that shall be of thee shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and thou shalt be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in." Archaeological science is a "repairer" and a "restorer."

The reconstructed sections of Ur show that there were four public chapels (not temples), a number of shops and store rooms. Houses were large, containing as many as twenty-two rooms, none fewer than thirteen. Rooms were built around a central paved court to provide proper light and ventilation. All homes were two-storied, the upper portions sometimes being constructed of wood.

Upon entering, one is ushered into an ante-room containing a small bath were the visitor may bathe his feet or even the entire body. The court, forming the center of the house, is next. From this place a stairway leads to the upper chambers or bedrooms, around which runs the gallery. Behind the stairs is the regular bathroom of the place. Behind this room is the kitchen, adjacent to a reception room which has three doors one being a private entrance to the chapel. Very few houses were found without chapels.

Under the floor of the chapel is the family vault or burial place. No house has been found that does not have a burial vault. Another room of great importance in every home is the library. In the library is stored the archives of the

family; in other words the books of the "family tree." These records disclose important facts regarding the daily lives, customs, and intellectual interests of the people. Among the books found in these rooms are hymnals used at chapel services. We have also unearthed treatises on mathematics, contracts, legal documents, receipts and liturgies. There were archaeologists among the people for copies of inscriptions on, and in, old buildings have been found. These inscriptions appear chronologically and thus furnish us with the history of temples and public buildings.

As a boy, Abraham attended what we would today call a public school. The very building has been uncovered along with its library of more than two thousand tablets (or volumes). As to contents, these books are of the same general character that repose upon our shelves today. Hammurabi, the King of whom Abraham was a subject, believed in promoting great institutions of learning. The library of the school which Abraham undoubtedly attended contained encyclopedias, dictionaries, grammars, reference books, annals, works on medicine, astronomy, geography, theology, law, civil government and political science.

Abraham's home has been carefully excavated. It was found to contain business records belonging to his father; also a family tree going back to the founder of his clan. It is probable that Abraham owned the most extensive library in the



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city. Genesis 13:2 says: "And Abraham was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold."

Abraham was a powerful chief, a breeder of cattle and camels on a large scale. He was a master of caravans. He had retainers sufficient to wage a small war. (Next month we will see how he went into battle on behalf of Lot — after which, enroute home, he had his famous meeting with Melchizedek, the "King of Salem.") Do not think of Abraham as a poverty stricken individual, sneaking

away from his creditors on a moonless night . . . or hurriedly crossing the border into another country to escape extradition laws. Think of him as one of the wealthiest, most highly educated men of human history.

But come . . . let us move along the street of Ur's principal residential section. These houses, like all Oriental homes, have their front walls flush with the street, there being no windows or other openings in the wall except the doors. Stepping inside any home, we observe the things previously described—bath room, court, chapel, reception room, kitchen, stairs, balcony and burial vault.

To the rear, beyond the reception room in one of the houses, let us imagine a boy about the height of a twelve year old youngster. On the wall beside him, to the right of the door jam, are certain markings. Perhaps he has been trying out his stylus (ancient pencil). At any rate, archaeologists have found what is called "graffiti," or "scratchings" in cuneiform — which when translated into the English alphabet, reads: "ABRAM."

(To be continued in The Defender next month.)

● The Sunday School Comment for November 19th appearing elsewhere in this Defender contains an exceptionally important message. Turn and read it!

DR. SWAIN EXPLAINS SPECIAL NEED

ELSEWHERE in this Defender, there appears a full page announcement of the work being done among American men in uniform by the National Spiritual Defense Crusade . . . of which Dr. Sam Swain is Director.

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(This telegram was signed by Dr. Swain.)



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Not for these most, dear Father of our lives,
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We thank Thee, Lord, on this recurring day,
For liberty to worship as we will;
We thank Thee for the hero souls of old
Who dared wild seas their mission to fulfill.
O, gird our hearts with stalwart faith in good,
Give us new trust in Thy providing hand,
And may a sense of Christian brotherhood
Inspire our hearts and bless our native land.

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Heaven is real. It is where our Elder Brother, the Lord Jesus Christ, is now seated at the right hand of God, from whence He shall come to gather to Himself the watching and waiting saints. He has promised, "I go to prepare a place for you. I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

After the crucifixion, our Lord appeared to His disciples who sorrowed for His death and were afraid of the Jews. They trembled at His appearance, thinking they beheld a spirit (Luke 24:36-43) but, to calm their fears, He spoke tenderly, asking "Why are ye troubled? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I, myself."

In Acts 1:11 we have the promise, "This same Jesus shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven." Let us bear in mind these words as we continue with a few remarks about

NEW BODIES FOR HIS SAINTS.

Sorrow, sadness and crying . . . sickness, agony, dying . . . misery, wretchedness, poverty . . . bereavement, discord and all the woes of man are the direct outgrowth — the wages, of sin. Our bodies wracked with pain, crippled by disease, drop by the way despite medical science and best attempts to elude death.

Precious, indeed, is the promise to His Saints that we shall have new bodies fashioned "like unto his glorious body." Phil. 3:20-21. He had a spiritual body, for He came and went despite closed doors which were locked by disciples to shut themselves away from their persecutors. Yet His spiritual body had flesh and bones. It bore the marks of nails, thorns and the spear. His body had no blood, for it had been shed on Calvary's tree as an atonement for the sin of mankind and the redemption of Creation. Yet He ate and drank with the disciples after His resurrection. He could be touched as one person might handle another.

The promise to the saints, then, is that at the resurrection from the dead we shall receive again our bodies. Each personality will be distinct from all others, the same as during the earth life. The bodies of the saints will have been made new, whole and glorious, like unto His own resurrection body. His body, however, bore marks of wounds, for, "He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities. The chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5. The saints will enjoy new bodies, made whole and free from disease and the effects of sin.

There is a special reward promised to those who watch and wait with longing for His appearing. The reward is that we shall be given a part in

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The believer receives new spiritual life at the time he accepts redemption through Christ. His spirit is quickened with the life of God. He becomes an heir of God, joint heir with Jesus Christ. His body of flesh bears within itself the seeds of death—separation of soul from body, and the Scriptures say, "It is appointed unto man once to die but after this the judgment." Heb. 9:27. However, the Word says, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality." I Cor. 15:51-53.

This is the First Resurrection. It is the call to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. It is also termed, the Rapture of the Church. It is a catching up to Heaven of the saints to meet the Lord in the air. It is a special reward to the watching ones who have looked and longed for His appearing. "For this we say unto you by the Word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not precede them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then, we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet

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Storms of hate swirl about it . . . There it stands.
Atheists rail against it . . . There it stands.
Agnostics smile cynically . . . There it stands.
Profane, prayerless funsters caricature it . . . There it stands.
Higher critics deny its claim to inspiration . . . There it stands.
An anvil that has broken a million hammers . . . There it stands.
The flames are kindled about it . . . There it stands.
The arrows of hate are discharged against it . . . There it stands.
Radicalism rants and raves against it . . . There it stands.
Fogs of sophistry conceal it temporarily . . . There it stands.
The tooth of time gnaws, but makes no dent in it . . . There it stands.
Infidels predict its abandonment . . . There it stands.
Modernism tries to explain it away . . . There it stands.

— DR. A. Z. CONRAD.

the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." I Thess. 4:15-17.

We find, in the Apostles' Creed, a statement of belief in the resurrection of the body, "I believe in the resurrection of the body and in the life everlasting." This teaching is found not only in the New Testament but the Old Testament as well. Job declared his faith in the resurrection of the body, saying, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and, though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God." Job 19:25-26.

The Master spoke of two resurrections: First, a resurrection unto life eternal . . . Second, a resurrection unto eternal death, for the unsaved. The First Resurrec-

tion is scheduled to take place prior to the setting up of the Kingdom of Christ on earth, during which time iniquity shall be destroyed and righteousness flourish even as the earth itself blossoms forth in beauty. Satan shall be imprisoned. "But the rest of the dead (those who did not take part in the First Resurrection) lived not again until the thousand years were finished." Rev. 20:5.

After the Millennial Reign of Christ, comes the last great war, when Satan will make a final stand. Then occurs the final judgment of all whose names are not found in the Lamb's Book of Life. "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, (all those who had no

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part in the First Resurrection) small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them; and they were judged every man according to their works . . . And whosoever was not found written in the book of life were cast into the lake of fire." Rev. 20:11-15. This is the Second Resurrection. All those, living and dead, who have had no part in the First Resurrection, shall stand in their resurrected bodies before the great Judge of all the earth.

In this we see what Christ died to save us FROM . . . and what He died to save us TO. In that day every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess, voluntarily, to the justice and the love of God, to the eternal glory of Jesus Christ the Redeemer, whose gift of life the unbelieving spurn and whose Gospel they hate.

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John, in vision, saw this city coming out of Heaven. His description gives us but a glimpse of its glories. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." I Cor. 2:9.

The city is real and substantial, as will be the new bodies of the saints. It is to be the eternal home. It is the dwelling place of God our Saviour. God's love for man—the masterpiece of His creation—provided a home in the garden of Eden on a lovely earth. Satan had attempted to usurp the throne of God but failed, so turned his attention to earth. He corrupted man and alienated him from God. In his hatred for God, Satan has sought to destroy creation. The God-man, Jesus Christ, with His

life, paid the price of redemption for all creation. In His own good time He will take complete possession and purge the earth of sin and recreate it as a habitation for redeemed creatures.

Those who desire to be with God; those who have pleasure in righteousness, truth and holiness now, will then have their deepest desires granted. Those who despise such things now, will have their wishes granted, also. There will be no place for them in the new city or upon the new earth. Everyone knows what is his spiritual status while he yet lives in this house of flesh. He need not wait for the day of judgment. He knows whether or not he has accepted salvation at the hands of Christ. He has the opportunity now to choose his future home.

It is written that Abram looked for a city which hath foundations (a substantial city) whose builder and maker is God. Heb. 11:10. God's people desire "a better country" now, even as did Abram. They look forward to a heavenly environment. Wherefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He hath prepared for them a city—the city which John saw in vision, coming out of Heaven, to rest upon the new earth and become the eternal dwelling place of the redeemed. Let us look for a few moments at the description given of

THE NEW EARTH.

John says: "I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven . . . and I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them and they shall be his people; and God himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow or crying, neither shall there be any more pain; for the former things are passed away." Rev. 21:1-4.

The time will come when this earth will be purged and purified in fulfill-

ment of the Scriptures which say, "But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up." "And, I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea." Rev. 21:1.

God's Word is the most matter-of-fact Book in existence. It deals with life and death, joy and sorrow, sin and righteousness, things past, things present and things to come. It deals with eternal life and eternal death (separation from God). We are given the choice of the kind of life we wish to live. He gives us the power to become the Sons of God, if we will accept. If we refuse to associate with Christ Jesus the Lord, and cry out as those men of old, "We will not have this man to rule over us," we shall have no one to blame but ourselves in that day when the final division is made between holiness and sin.

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GOD—FATHER, SON, HOLY SPIRIT.

(a) THE SUPREME BEING.

1. He is a Spirit: Jn. 4:24. Rom. 8:11.
2. He is Personal: Ex. 6:2, 3. Isa. 44:6. Ex. 3:14. Jer. 10:10. Job 38:8.
3. He is Omnipresent: Eph. 4:6. Acts 17:28. Ps. 102:12. I. Kings 8:27. Ps. 139:7-10.
4. His is Omniscient: Gen. 16:13. I. Sam. 2:3. I. Kings 8:39. Job 12:13. Ps. 139:12.
5. His is Omnipotent: Isa. 45:5. Rev. 19:6. Ps. 66:7. Jer. 10:12. Rom. 13:1. Mt. 6:13. A. V.
6. He is Incomprehensible: Rom. 11:33-36. Job 11:7. Job 37:23. Isa. 40:28. Rom. 8:7.
7. He is Impartial: I. Pet. 1:17. Rom. 2:6, 11. Deut. 10:17. Acts 10:34.
8. He is Just: Isa. 45:21. Ps. 119:137. Rev. 19:2. II. Chr. 19:7. Gen. 18:25.
9. He is Holy: Hos. 11:9. Rev. 4:8. I. Pet. 1:15, 16. Heb. 1:12, 13.
10. His is Faithful: I. Cor. 10:13. I. Thes. 5:24. Ps. 100:5. I. Pet. 4:19. Deut. 7:9.
11. His is Love: I. Jn. 4:9, 10, 16. Deut. 33:12. Jn. 16:27.
12. He is Changeless, but Responsive. Mal. 3:6. Jas. 1:17. Ex. 22:27. Jer. 81:3. II. Chro. 7:14.

(b) GOD—AS FATHER.

1. Revealed by Jesus Christ: Jn. 1:18. Jn. 14:7, 9, 10. II. Cor. 5:19.
2. Father of the Regenerate: Mt. 23:9. II. Cor. 8:6. I. Pet. 1:23. Rom. 8:15. II. Cor. 6:18. (The wicked excluded.) Jn. 8:34, 41, 42, 44, 47.

3. His Will Toward Men: Ezek. 33:11. II. Pet. 3:9. Jer. 3:22. Ex. 34:6, 7. Rom. 10:12, 13.

(c) GOD—AS SON.

1. His Eternal Oneness With the Father: Prov. 8:22, 23. Jn. 10:30. Prov. 8:24-31. Jn. 8:42. Jn. 14:9, 10.
2. His Work As Creator: Jn. 1:1, 3. Heb. 1:1, 2. I. Cor. 8:6. Heb. 1:10. Eph. 3:9.
3. The Promise of His Incarnation: Isa. 7:14. Micah 5:2. Deut. 18:15. Isa. 9:6. Isa. 11:1. Lu. 1:30, 31, 32.
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(d) GOD—AS HOLY SPIRIT.

1. He Proceeds From the Father and Son: Jn. 15:26. Jn. 16:7.
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3. His Work With the Unsaved: Jn. 16:8-11.
4. He Vitalizes Believers: Acts 1:5.

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8. He Searches the Heart: Jer. 17:10. II. Cor. 2:9-10. Rom. 8:27. Rev. 2:23.
9. He Endues With Power: Acts 1:8. Isa. 40:29, 31. Eph. 3:16. II. Tim. 1:7.

II

MAN—INNOCENT, DEGENERATE, REGENERATE.

(a) MAN, INNOCENT.

1. Created In God's Image: Gen. 1:26. Gen. 5:1, 2. Gen. 2:7. Job 33:4. Ps. 8:5, 6.

(b) MAN, DEGENERATE.

1. His Temptation and Fall: Gen. 3:1-24.
2. His Depravity: Gen. 6:5. Ps. 14:1-3. Eccl. 9:3. Jer. 17:9. Jn. 3:19. Rom. 3:10-18.
3. Death, Result of Sin: Gen. 2:17. Rom. 6:23. Rom. 5:12. I. Cor. 15:21, 22. Jas. 1:15.
4. His Need of a Saviour: Jer. 17:14. Eccl. 7:20. Isa. 53:6. Rom. 3:23. Ps. 51:5, 10.

(c) MAN, REGENERATE.

1. Conditions of Spiritual Birth: Mt. 4:17. Lu. 13:5. Acts 16:31. Jn. 3:16. Jn. 5:24. I. Jn. 5:4, 5. Acts 2:38. Acts 11:16. I. Cor. 12:13.

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4. The Law of Growth: Lu. 9:23. Rom. 6:11. Eph. 6:13. Gal. 5:16, 17.
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6. Restoration to the Divine Image. Mt. 5:48. A. V. I. Jn. 5:18. Jn. 17:23. Lev. 19:2. I. Cor. 15:49. Rom. 12:1. I. Thes. 5:23. I. Thes. 3:13. I. Thes. 4:3-7. Col. 1:22. I. Pet. 5:10.

III

SATAN, SIN, DEATH, HELL.

(a) SATAN.

1. His Origin: Rev. 12:7-9. Lu. 10:18. Isa. 14:12-17.
2. His Nature: Jn. 8:44. I. Jn. 3:8. I. Pet. 5:8. II. Cor. 11:14, 15.

3. His Personality: Job 1:6, 7. Lu. 22:31.
4. Prince of This World: Lu 4:6. Job 9:24. Rev. 13:7. I. Jn. 5:19. Eph. 2:2, 3. Eph. 6:12. Mt. 12:26.
5. He Is Subject to Christ: Mt. 4:10, 11. Lu. 4:34-36, 40, 41.
6. His Deceptions: Gen. 3:4, 5. II. Cor. 4: 3, 4. Jn. 13:2. Lu. 13:10. Mt. 10:28. II. Tim. 2:26. Gen. 3:17, 18.
7. Limitations, Imprisonment, Destruction: Rev. 12:12. Rev. 20:1-3. Mt. 25:41. Rev. 20:10.

(b) SIN.

1. Origin and Nature: I. Jn. 3:4. A. V. Mt. 15:19. Jn. 8:44.
2. It Defiles: Isa. 64:6. Isa. 6:5. Gal. 5:19-21.
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(c) DEATH.

1. Origin and Extent: Jas. 1:15. Rom. 5:12, 13, 14.

2. Its End: I. Cor. 15:26. Heb. 2: 14. Rev. 1:17, 18. Rev. 21:4.

(d) HELL.

1. Future of the Wicked: Ps. 9:17. Mt. 13:41, 42. Mt. 25:41, 46. Jude 6. Rev. 14:9, 10, 11. Rev. 21:8.

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REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT, FORGIVENESS, REGENERATION.

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2. Fulfillment: Gal. 4:4, 5. Lu. 2:10, 11. Acts 4:12. Tit. 2:14. Col. 1:14. Rev. 5:9, 10. Rom. 3:24, 25. Lu. 2:27, 38. Lu. 1:68.

(b) ATONEMENT.

1. Ancient Sacrificial Offerings: Lev. 9:7. Lev. 16:34. Lev. 19:22. Lev. 17:11. Heb. 9:22.
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(c) FORGIVENESS.

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3. To Whom Granted: Mt. 5:7. Mt. 6:14, 15. Mk. 3:28, 29. Eph. 4:32. Lu. 17:3. Mt. 18:21, 22.

(d) REGENERATION.

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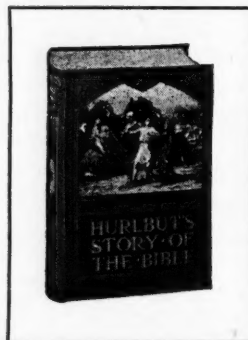
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MR. PRESIDENT, last week I called the attention of the Senate to the so-called sedition trial now in progress in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. On that occasion I emphasized the obvious injustice done to the 30, now reduced to 26, defendants in this mass trial; the injustice of trying them all together, the injustice of trying them on a conspiracy charge, when the only evidence of the conspiracy charge is certain similarities between the things they said and did in the propagation of certain political ideas which are as old as the Old Testament, and the injustice of a trial in which the Government needs months and months, thousands of exhibits, and scores of witnesses to make out a case.

Today I want again to discuss this extraordinary trial exclusively from the point of view of the public interest. This trial is not only a gross injustice to the defendants; it is also a public scandal. It is bringing the courts and the law enforcement agencies of the Federal Government into ridicule and contempt. It is costing the taxpayers nearly a million dollars.

Mr. President, when I spoke last week I said it was costing the taxpayers somewhere between one-half and three-quarters of a million dollars. In any event it is going to be very close to a million dollars, provided the Government continues, as an editorial in the Washington Post said it contemplated, to introduce 32,000 exhibits.

MR. WHEELER, Mr. President, will the Senator yield?

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MR. LANGER. I yield.

MR. WHEELER. I wish to compliment the Senator from North Dakota. I just read his speech this afternoon upon the subject of the sedition trial, and I was going to compliment him privately, but I now wish to compliment him publicly for the stand he has taken in reference to that matter. I THINK IT IS ONE OF THE MOST DISGRACEFUL PROCEEDINGS THAT HAVE EVER BEEN BROUGHT IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. I do not know any of the defendants, but I do say that it is wrong to conduct a mass trial. It is wrong in principle, and the trial in Washington has demonstrated beyond a question of doubt the unfairness of the whole procedure. It is making a laughing-stock out of the court in Washington, and something ought to be done about it. I wrote a letter to the Attorney General when the case was first presented to the grand jury. I said that in almost any other jurisdiction, the then prosecuting attorney would have been put in jail for contempt of court, for permitting as he did, every piece of evidence that went before the grand jury to be printed in the newspapers the next morning.

I wish to congratulate the Senator for having the courage to stand on the floor

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of the Senate and take up an unpopular issue of this kind.

MR. LANGER. I thank the Senator from Montana.

MR. WHEELER. I think the Senator from North Dakota is rendering a service to the people of the country in taking up this matter.

MR. LANGER. Mr. President, if the evidence presented during the first 4 months of the trial is representative of the best the Government has to offer in support of its accusation, the probabilities of any convictions are slight. If there should be convictions and if the Supreme Court adheres to the doctrines on which it decided in 1942 the Schneiderman case and only last June the Hartzel case, such convictions must be reversed on appeal.

It would not be proper for me to attempt to prejudge the issues of law or fact before a court in any orderly proceeding based on a sound theory of law. But in this case we have a grave departure from the American way in law enforcement. We have issues of fact which are not justiciable by any jury. The Government charges a world conspiracy, which in the nature of things, cannot be proved under our rules of evidence. The Government seeks to prove participation in and furtherance of this conspiracy by these defendants. If the Government had real evidence of the formation and furtherance of the conspiracy charged, such evidence could be presented to a jury in less than the 4 months the Government has now been introducing evidence — nay, almost 5 months. (Editor's Note: As the November Defender goes to press, this political debacle has been in progress over six months.)

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showing that the specific conspiracy charged was actually in operation. No, the Government proposes to prove this conspiracy by taking thousands of isolated acts and utterances, many of them wild and foolish, by given defendants, and by asking the jury to accept a far-fetched theory according to which the totality of these acts and utterances add up to the conspiracy charged.

Mr. President, again I invite the attention of the Senate to an editorial published in the Washington Post a few days ago, which stated that up to that time the Government had introduced 4,000 exhibits, but that before the case was finished it expected to introduce 32,000. I might add that the day I was in court the Government introduced exhibit No. 4121.

Mr. President, it is against our entire theory of jurisprudence and against our American tradition to conduct a political prosecution on any such assumptions. If this prosecution theory should become law by being accepted by our highest courts, there would be no political security for any member of the opposition. Things like this could happen: After President Roosevelt goes out of office, if it could be shown that Mayor Hague's political machine in Jersey or Mayor Kelley's political machine in Illinois ever committed any violations of the electoral laws, our good President could be included in a conspiracy indictment charging that he belonged to and furthered a conspiracy for pursuing the lawful end of three reelections by using the unlawful means of violating electoral laws. All sorts of evidence could be presented linking President Roosevelt with Mayor Hague or Mayor Kelly. On the conspiracy theory, proof that there was a political partnership between our good President and these city politicians would make our good President respon-

sible for any and every unlawful act any one of the city machine politicians or any henchman of any one of them ever committed. Such is the theory and doctrine of conspiracy law as now applied to gangsters, bootleggers, and white-slavers. In this sedition case, the Government is trying to apply this theory and doctrine to political associations, activities, writings, and utterances. IF THIS THEORY SHOULD BECOME LAW, THERE WOULD BE NO POLITICAL FREEDOM OR FREEDOM OF SPEECH AND THE PRESS.

In politics, in political agitation, and political activities, no one can be held responsible for the acts and motives of all those who vote for him, who listen to him, who read him, or who endorse or quote from him. Similarity of aims, ideas, and utterances during a brief period or campaign does not establish a conspiracy. Are President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, and the leader of the Soviet state, Josef Stalin, in conspiracy to spread communism all over the world merely because they are united against Hitler and because Stalin's political creed calls for communism everywhere? Obviously not. . . .

I am here espousing the cause of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom of political association and activity. If there is freedom only for those who are not crackpots, to suppress anyone the Government has only to call him a crackpot and make the label stick. In this mass sedition trial, the Government, by the nature of its fantastic prosecution theory, has made the cause of these defendants the cause of free speech and political freedom.

I again call on the Department of Justice to stop this prosecution, which strikes at the roots of political freedom, the thing we are fighting for all over the world today.

There can be no freedom unless there is security against unreasonable prosecution for all opponents of the administration in power. There is no freedom unless there is freedom to express unpopular ideas and advocate unpopular doctrines. The way to combat what we consider bad propaganda is by education and the making of good propaganda, not by far-fetched criminal prosecutions charging a type of world conspiracy which, like any great historical theory, can never be judicially proved under the rules of evidence.

In this connection, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the Record at this point as a part of my remarks, bearing out exactly what I have stated and that once this hysteria is permitted to go unchecked that many innocent folks may be irreparably damaged in reputation, an article which appeared in the Washington Times-Herald of Thursday, September 21, 1944, entitled "F. B. I. ONCE STUDIED G. O. P. VETS AS SUBVERSIVE, PROBES TOLD."

There being no objection, the article was ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

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F. B. I. Once Studied G. O. P., Veterans, as Subversive, Probers Told—Revelations Made by Democrat "Trying To Save Party From Hillman, Browder."

(By Willard Edwards)

A congressional investigating committee was startled yesterday by testimony that the Department of Justice once began an inquiry into subversive activities of the following organizations:

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The National Association of Manufacturers.

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The American Legion Americanization Committee.

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INQUIRY LATER ABANDONED.

Joseph P. Kamp, of New York City, acting chairman of the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., voiced the accusation before the Special House Committee Investigating Election Expenditures.

Kamp said the Justice Department on an undisclosed date started an investigation into the five prominent organizations at the behest of the Anti-Defamation League of New York City, which he described as "the central unit of an un-American Gestapo which works in close harmony with the Department of Justice."

The inquiry was called off, he testified, when responsible officials "discovered what was going on."

RELATED GROUPS NAMED.

Committee members indicated they would inquire into the charge by demanding from Kamp the New York City address of the Anti-Defamation League headquarters. They similarly requested information presumably preliminary to the summoning of five other organizations named by the witness as part of the "Gestapo." These were:

Friends of Democracy, the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League, the American Civil Liberties Union, the American Jewish Committee, and Market Analysts, Inc. All have headquarters in New York City.

Representative Murphy (Democrat), of Pennsylvania, remarked that the subject matter appeared to be more within the scope of the Dies committee on un-American activities. Other members noted, however, that Kamp's charges were not volunteered but elicited only under prolonged questioning concerning the activities of his organization. The

charges having been aired, they commented, ought to be followed up.

HILLMAN, BROWDER ATTACKED.

Kamp proclaimed himself a lifelong Democrat who is attempting to "save the party from Hillman and Browder."

"If Sidney Hillman takes over, we will have a Soviet America," he asserted.

Hillman, chairman of the C.I.O. Political Action Committee, was quizzed by the committee last week about his group's slush fund activities in behalf of a fourth term for President Roosevelt.

The 44-year-old witness refused to disclose to the committee any records showing the names of other officials of his organization or of contributors or purchasers of the voluminous literature it distributes. He said his group studiously refrains from political activity.

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"We have never indorsed any candidate for public office nor engaged in partisan politics of any nature whatever," he asserted, "and I submit that our activities do not come within the legal scope of your committee's authority."

"Until a court of competent jurisdiction rules our activities political we must withhold any information regarding the finances of the league and the names of its contributors, because such information would come into the possession of the notorious smear bund and would be used by enemies of this country to malign, harass, intimidate, and persecute patriotic citizens who are helping the league to defend and protect constitutional government."

"SMEARING HAS BEGUN"

"The smearing has already begun. The bund's arch-smearer, Walter Winchell, made a lying attack on both myself and the league last Sunday night and the left-wing New York Post began its smear last Wednesday, quoting a committee investigator as accusing us of neglecting the committee's invitation

even before we had received the committee's letter.

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Kamp said Hillman was trying to infer that the Constitutional Educational League was partisan to the Republican Party.

"As a lifelong registered Democrat, I have been trying to prevent Sidney Hillman, the C.I.O., and the Communist Party from becoming strong enough to take over my party," he said. "I may have failed."

"As long ago as 1933 I assailed the appointment of radicals to high administrative positions in the New Deal."

(Here ends the quotation from the Washington Times-Herald.)

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Mr. LANGER. I also wish to call the attention of the Senate to one of the defendants in the sedition case, Mr. Frank W. Clark. I should like to say something about his record. I have before me a letter which he wrote to Hon. Thomas Dewey on the 15th day of July. He sent a copy of it to Hon. John Bricker.

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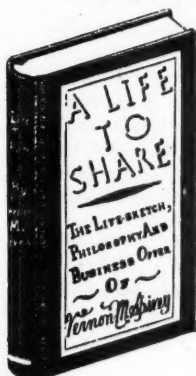
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stand trial, not alone or with those whom he knew, but with 25 other men and women most of whom he had never met and with some already convicted and serving penitentiary sentences for other crimes allegedly committed by them before a bar of so-called justice, in a little crowded courtroom in the District of Columbia, charged with being a co-conspirator in a group of 26 persons now on trial, charged in an indictment with having "conspired to undermine the morale of the military and naval forces of the United States, to cause insubordination and mutiny, and to set up a Nazi form of government in the United States."

I also wish to call attention to the fact that when the depression was upon us this man was one of those who organized the "Bonus March" on Washington, to obtain justice for their comrades at the hands of the Government for which they had fought, and in whose service many of them were wounded and nearly died.

Mr. President, although I do not agree with all that Frank W. Clark has said in

this letter, nevertheless, today, when this man who fought and was wounded eight times, and is suffering under disabilities, is passing over the hill in age, when he has not a dollar with which to hire a lawyer, when he is poor and without friends, and when he wishes to address a communication to the people of the country he fought and bled for, I say that I know of no more appropriate place for that communication, no matter how much I may disagree with him, than in the Congressional Record. I believe that Senators will agree with that viewpoint, that they will give this splendid veteran of World War No. 1 an opportunity to show the world that free speech and right of petition prevail in America and grant unanimous consent, which I now ask, to have his letter, less two small delineations to which he has agreed, addressed to Hon. Thomas E. Dewey and Hon. John Bricker, together with his letter to me, printed in full in the Record at this point as part of my remarks.

There being no objection, the letters were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

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September 11, 1944.

Hon. William Langer,
Senator from North Dakota,
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Yours sincerely,

John W. Bricker.

In the opening address of the Honorable John W. Bricker, Governor, State

of Ohio, Saturday, September 9, 1944, this writer was answered in the several statements made by Governor Bricker to a letter written him, also upon the date of July 15.

The address to the United States Senate, as made by yourself, regarding the so-called sedition trial in the District of Columbia on the date of September 8, was food for thought for all concerned, and for which—as one—I want to

thank you, Senator Langer.

Very respectfully,

Frank W. Clark.

Washington, D. C.

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(Senator Langer concluded his speech by inserting in the Congressional Record the complete text of Mr. Clark's lengthy and highly interesting letter to Mr. Dewey.)

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"MY people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14.

We are being served by radio and press with news, and more news—tragic, heartbreaking, terrible news. The marching of armies is being heard around the world . . . "tramp, tramp, tramp, the boys are marching." Mixed with all this are the vociferous acclamations of politicians, up-to-the-minute advice, scarcely two agreeing as to what ought to be done. If ever there was an hour calling for solidarity, with one mind and one purpose, it is now.

There is an old Book, now obsolete in the thinking and programs of many individuals and organizations, but its voice comes sounding across the centuries with a panacea for human needs—a remedy that has never failed when applied. It was true in ancient times. God never fails to deliver people when His terms are met. So my message is based on the immutability of God. If we are to

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We heard a Naval Officer say recently that our Navy is in the forefront and that it would remain there. We rejoice to hear such news; but recent days have brought mobilizations, combined and fearful, driven by war-mad dictators, in whom the instinct of the man-eating tiger is evidenced. Human life is regarded as

cheap chattel, expendable for the Roman God Mars and the Teutonic God Thor.

Americans are prepared to face any human opposition but that is not enough. Our line of defense must not be limited to force. "If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, I will hear from heaven and heal their land." We must move in line with the will of God.

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tians — called by His name. Just as sure as Joshua commanded in the name of the Lord Jehovah the sun to stand still, the same omnipotent power will move in our behalf if we seek His face, humble ourselves, and turn from sin. He can roll back the sea of enemies, as in the long ago! Of course, we know that scoffers will shrug their shoulders, and with a conceited smile tell us that the Joshua story is a bedtime myth; but thank God, the believing Christian accepts it. If the millions who are called by God's name will take II Chronicles 7:14 seriously, no power on earth will be able to weaken our Nation.

So in this hour of peril, in order to be secure, we must humble ourselves, eliminate many national sins, seek God's face and favor, and pray. He will answer. God has in His arsenal unlimited batteries. Yes, let us hear from heaven, and our land will be healed. We are confident that God will substantiate His Word as in the long ago.

As we approach the 1944 Day of National Thanksgiving, let us pray that those "called by his name" in our good Country, where so many blessings and privileges exist, found no where else on the earth, may humble themselves, seek God's face, and turn from sin! The doors

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of the Church of God have been shut in some nations; PREACHERS HAVE BEEN HOUNDED, PERSECUTED, SILENCED; THE BIBLE HAS BEEN BLACKED OUT. THE SAME THING WOULD OCCUR HERE IF SOME PEOPLE HAD THEIR WAY.

This is no time for Christians to become lax, careless and indifferent. Our marching orders are found in the grand old hymn: "Onward Christian Soldiers." The present Thanksgiving season should be a period of introspection as well as praise to the beneficent Father above. Let personal and national sins be con-

fessed and destroyed. With atheistic ideologies making inroads reaching to the very heart of our free institutions and government, Christians have a greater responsibility than at any previous time in the Nation's history. Therefore, while we give thanks and "count our blessings," let us also seek to parallel ourselves with the mind and purpose of God as the only real solution for disorders now existing in our war torn world.

God of our fathers, known of old,
Lord of the farflung battle line,
Beneath whose awful land, we hold
Dominion over palm and pine.
Lord God of hosts, be with us yet,
Lest we forget, lest we forget.

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God bless our native land,
Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night,
When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave
Do Thou our country save
By Thy great might.

For her our prayer shall rise
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FRIENDS of the radio audience, I bring to you today, a message of hope in time of disress — a message of comfort and security in time of sorrow and anxiety. It is not my message! The words that I shall read from the Scriptures were not humanly composed.

Human words are usually empty. At best, we engage in much meaningless, frivolous and superficial talk. But the words recorded in the Bible are heavy with inspiration and electric with meaning, because the thought-forms behind them had their origin in the mind of God.

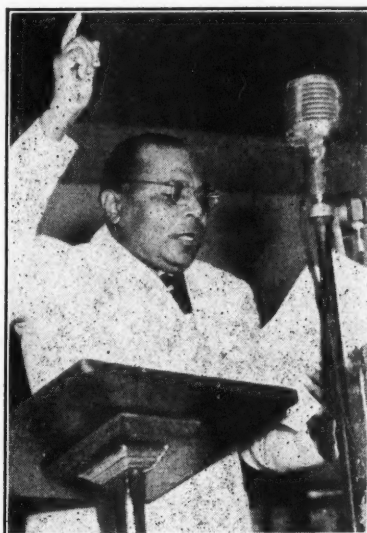
Listen carefully, wherever you may be at this moment . . . in some busy mart of trade, place of recreation, riding along a highway by automobile, on a vessel somewhere in Caribbean waters, relaxing quietly beneath your own vine and fig tree, or elsewhere . . . listen intently and hear the Eternal Christ as He speaks to us, all of us, through the inspired Gospel of Saint Matthew:

"Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?"

These sublime words were addressed to the disciples, — men who had become spiritually-minded through personal contact with the Son of God. They also belong to you, if you belong to Him! Let us examine the depth of meaning behind them.

There is a will, an intelligence, a rhythmic pull, in nature, which assures provision for the fowls of the air. The birds do not engage in strenuous exertions. They simply go along from day to day, oblivious to the struggles of hu-

A Dynamic Preacher



The above action photograph shows Dr. J. F. Rodriguez, Superintendent of the Spanish Defenders Missionary work, delivering a sermon over the air. The complete text of a typical message by this mighty Preacher appears on this page of The Defender — the topic being, "Jesus and Anxiety." Prayers and offerings by Defender Readers make this Gospel Testimony possible.

man beings in quest for pleasure, power and possession. Fowls mate, build nests, fly and sing, guided unconsciously by the laws of nature. Jesus was telling His disciples in this passage, that there is a place to reach in spiritual understanding, where the pull of the Infinite carries one

over hard places and difficult circumstances.

The birds do not try to develop beautiful plumage. Feathers grow naturally. The child of God does not strive to live a beautiful life. He lives triumphantly with a degree of grace and naturalness that attracts others to the Christ Whom he loves and serves. A well known business slogan says, "It pays to advertise." Christians, by their conduct and high principles, find it natural to advertise the Lord Jesus.

Unsaved listener, to you I hurl this challenge on the wings of the air!

You have lived your life to date in calloused, corroded materialism. You go about in tatters and rags, whereas you could be garbed in beautiful raiment. You have a mind capable of catching the thoughts of God. You have ears to hear the music of Heaven. You have eyes to see beauties more entrancing and intriguing than anything known even on our charming tropical Island. You are at this instant within speaking distance of God.

You too, may know the rhythmic pull of the spiritual realm and enjoy the bounties of the Infinite. But, you must turn, with a deliberate act of your will, accept Christ as Saviour, and open your being to the incoming of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus continued with His famous "cure for anxiety!" *by saying:*

"Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? . . . Your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

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The old proverb, "Let nature take its course," seems to apply here. We may also say, "Let divine nature take its course." The essence of deity is deposited in your being when you turn to Christ. In this new climate, needed adjustments are made so that victorious living becomes as natural to soul growth, as lily growth does in the realm of nature. "Let go, and let God!" is a worthy motto.

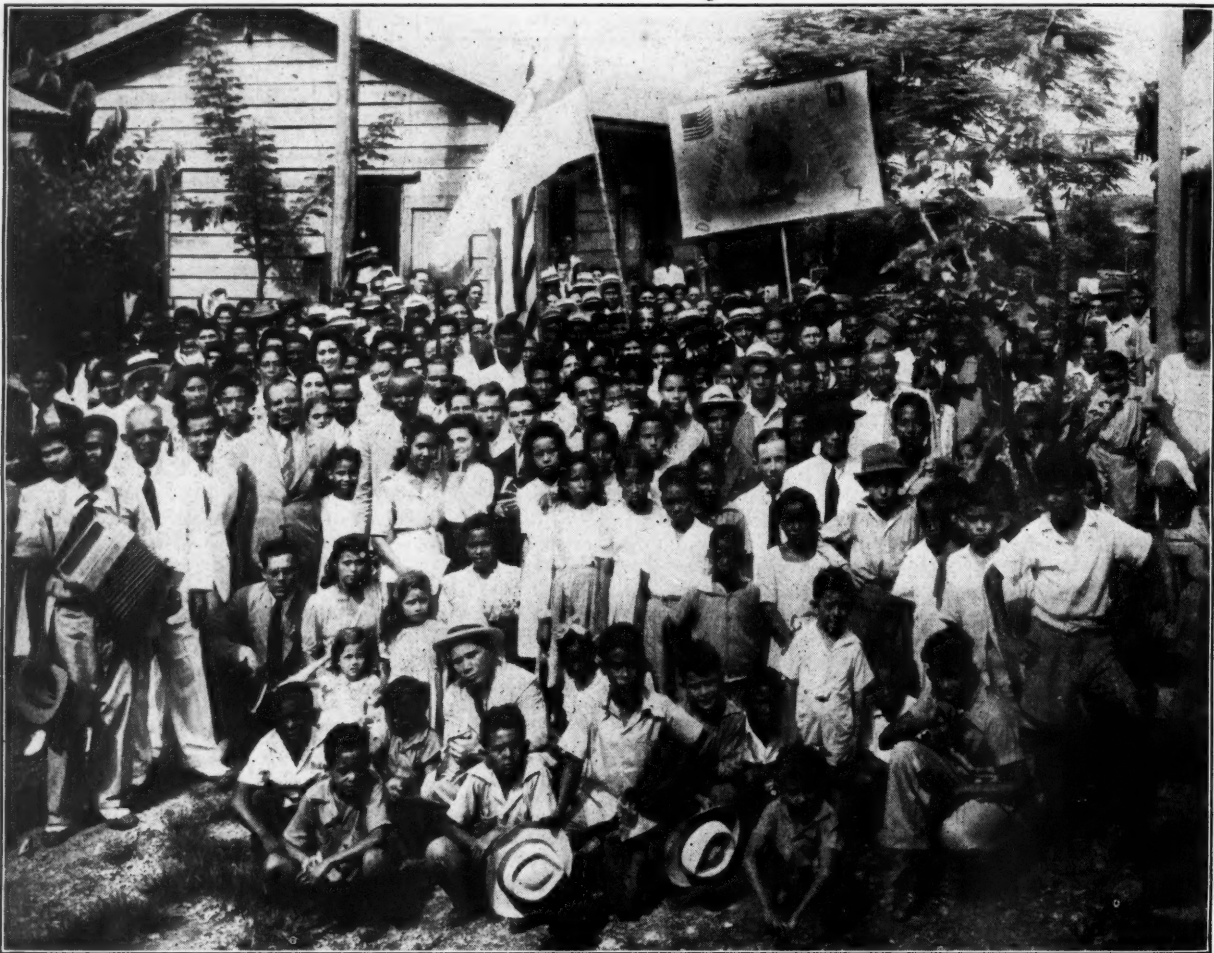
Worldly environment is not conducive to tranquility. Everything around us, in

the material world, contributes to discord. From earliest youth, people are dissatisfied. Their deepest hearts call out for something the world cannot give. They are restless, nervous and anxious. Nothing human can heal this incurable agony. Worry and anxiety sap the inner powers of man. From the cradle to the grave, humans suffer. Only when one comes to know the parental care of the Heavenly Parent, does he find life to be really worth living.

Some philosophers have tried to ferret out the purpose and goal of life,

using only the human yardstick in measuring the problems of mankind. They mean well, but after laying aside their pens, are forced to admit that little has been accomplished. There are metaphysical schools of thought that insist pain and suffering are illusions which do not exist. Nothing is gained by analyzing technically the plight of a man who has fallen into a well, or by trying to convince him the well does not exist. IT IS BETTER TO THROW HIM A ROPE!

During His ministry among men, the sympathetic Christ was always touched



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by the suffering of the people with whom He associated. Study His earth-life and you will be impressed with the fact that above everything else, He sought to relieve pain. And He is the same, tender, understanding Master today. Call upon Him and He will help you. My words are addressed to depressed, discouraged, down-hearted, and down-trodden people. . . and I say again, Call upon Him and He will help you.

Yes, there is suffering—much suffering, sorrow and anxiety, in our part of the world. That is why loving hands make possible this missionary ministry in the West Indies. It is my duty, my inexplicable joy to point you to the Healer of broken hearts. What He has done for me, He will do for you.

And, in closing, let us examine further the passage of Scripture from which we have been quoting:

"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself."

(1) "Take no thought for your life."

Existence on this earth involves more than food, clothing and physical requirements. Put first things first. Spiritual relationships and eternal values are of transcendent importance. Anxiety is illogical in a properly ordered life. There should be no excessive eagerness for the

external things, such as food, clothing, friends, fame, wealth and social position. Why worry and fret about things of lesser importance!

(2) "Take therefore no thought for the morrow."

It is a mistake to try to live tomorrow, today. One day at a time is sufficient. What is the use of anxiety? What can be gained by worrying about the events scheduled for the future? Many things can happen between now and then. Is it not better to rest the future with God and trust every problem into His hands . . . knowing that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

Transformation Of Sol Hoopii

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SOL HOOPII

WHEN Sol Hoopii accepted Christ as his Saviour, Hollywood "sat up and took notice." For Sol was conceded to be the world's greatest Hawaiian musician.

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Then came conviction, and conversion, and a severance of former activities. Turning his back on the career which had been bringing him a weekly income ranging into the thousands of dollars, Sol Hoopii dedicated his life and talents to Christian service.

This is how it came about.

His wife, well-known throughout Hollywood by her professional name of "Georgia Stiffler," was the first to come under the influence of the Gospel. For-saking a successful career as a dancer, singer and writer, she decided for Christ, and began praying for her husband. She visited churches, revivals, missions, street-meetings, carrying her ukelele and fearlessly witnessing for her Saviour. The months went by, her prayers for Sol being fruitless as far as visible results were concerned. But her faith never wavered.

Came Easter Sunday night. Georgia was scheduled to visit an obscure rescue mission, to give her testimony. She invited Sol to go with her.

"Never in our seventeen years of married life have we been to church together, Sol," she said.

"But I've got to play at the night-club tonight," he replied. "The boys will be waiting for me."

"Please, can't you take me to the mission, and come in for just a few minutes?"

He agreed, and slipped into a seat on the back row of the little mission hall, expecting to leave shortly. But he became fascinated by the story of the Cross. Earnest mission workers exalted Christ so beautifully, that Sol forgot his engagement at the night-club. He was introduced for the first time in his life to Jesus Christ, and his soul was thrilled.

You see, Sol hadn't been anti-religious, but un-religious. There's a difference! He didn't disbelieve. He simply hadn't taken time for spiritual things. Never had he gone to church. Never had

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he listened to a Gospel sermon. He didn't disbelieve in Christ—he had simply ignored Christ. Movies, night-clubs, Hollywood society, bright lights. These things had previously occupied his entire attention. He had never considered what Christ had done for him.

But this night! Jesus Christ loomed before him, and the glittering, superficial things faded into insignificance. He walked down the aisle, knelt at the place of prayer and accepted Christ as his Saviour.

Old things passed away. All things became new. Immediately he severed his Hollywood connections, and began playing and singing for Christ. Trials came. Yes, and poverty. Persecutions followed, and bitter heartaches. The enemy of his soul tried desperately to woo him back into the old life. But Christ had become real to him. Salvation had become a valued treasure.

I've had Sol with me in many evangelistic campaigns. We've presented hundreds of sacred concerts together. Large crowds have gathered to hear his soul-thrilling music and testimony. He has been able to witness for Christ to movie stars whom no Preacher could hope to reach. Persons never known to darken the doors of a church have been attracted by Sol's music and message of saving Grace.

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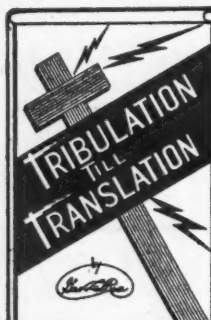
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Those who insist that the world is getting better must be discouraged by the present outlook. Pre-Millennialists are encouraged, knowing that the darkest hour is just before dawn.

Yet prophetic Scripture assures us that Peace is coming. After the Great Tribulation under the reign of Satan's

masterpiece, the Antichrist, or "Man of Sin," everything for which the nations have waged war, will be destroyed. Then the remnants of humanity spared from the inferno, will come to their senses. Calling upon God in the Name of His Son, they will see Him coming forth as He departed . . . thereby redeeming the promise of Acts 1:11. Only by studying Bible prophecy do we gain a right perspective on the subject of war and peace.

(2) **A. New Teaching.** When Jesus came to earth, He entered a world ruled by a tyrant in Rome. Paul lived and wrote under even worse conditions—the reign of Nero. There was nothing in the Roman paganism to restrain men from evil practices. Judaism was no better, for the Talmudic "traditions of the fathers" had made the message of the prophets of no effect. The world was full of hate, illustrated by the fact that the words "stranger" and "enemy" were synonymous.

Then came a Man, an itinerant Preacher from a small, obscure province in a tiny corner of the vast Empire, preaching "a new commandment," destined to create a new order. "A New commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." This commandment was not limited to those who accepted Him as a Leader, for He elucidated, "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you." This principle of love

will ultimately triumph, although we know prophetically that the nations are destined to pass through great suffering before the ideal becomes universal.

Permanent peace cannot be built upon hate. If leaders of nations would faithfully examine, and seek to apply the teachings of Christ, much suffering could be alleviated. Christians are concerned with both the "sweet bye and bye" and the "sweet now and now." Prophecy unveils the future before them . . . but they also radiate a wholesome, righteous influence in the present hour of turmoil and suffering.

(3) **The Place of Earthly Governments.** Satan is the temporary god of this age. His power will be permanently broken at the time of Christ's return. Meanwhile, Satan the rebel, would create complete chaos but for the restraining hand of God operating through good people.

Human governments exist as a means for keeping races of people from completely destroying themselves in anarchy. This explains Peter's wise counsel, "Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king." The Christian honors all human beings, loves his enemies and lives in filial fear of God. He obeys the laws, pays taxes, seeks peace and renders to all their dues.

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November 19, 1944

CHRISTIANITY AND DEMOCRACY

Micah 4:1-5; Mark 12:13-17; Rom. 13:8-10; 1 Peter 2:13-17.

GODLEN TEXT: 'Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.' Galatians 6:2.

This lesson is a continuation of the one we studied last week. Democracy was unknown in New Testament times. Ancient Greece and Rome of course toyed with experiments in human liberty. Democratic government can exist only in the Christian climate. The Church makes better citizens, and better citizens create better social conditions.

So long as the Church performs her function in the realm of evangelism, she is helping to make a better nation. If she fails, her failure reacts against government. No system can be better than the individuals who comprise it. The duty of the Church is to probe the national conscience and teach righteousness.

The term Democracy is misused when appropriated by totalitarian, atheistic Communism. Christianity, not atheism, promotes the democratic principle in which civil liberty is revered and preserved. The founding fathers of America entertained a deep sense of appreciation for the Christian Scripture—as the basis of true freedom. They wrote into

the Constitution principles to establish freedom and justice and promote the general welfare of all citizens.

The clause, "To provide the blessings of liberty for ourselves and our posterity," in the Preamble of the Constitution, led to the first Article of the Bill of Rights giving people the right of worshipping God according to the dictates of conscience.

It was back during 1938 that Dr. Winrod sounded the following warning in a radio address delivered from Topeka, Kansas:

"In the last analysis there are just two kinds of government in the world—government by men and government by law. Every nation has government based upon arbitrary rule, by one man, or a small group of men, or government based upon a written Constitution.

"There can be no liberty under government by men. The liberties of the people are preserved only where government by law exists. The battle for human liberty must be fought again in the present generation. Representative government is hanging in the balances throughout the world. No less than seventeen constitutional systems have been overthrown since the world war.

"Powerfully organized, destructive forces, the like of which civilization has never faced before, have been released during the last decade. A study of the map of the world must impress one with the fact that the face of the earth is turning red. Alien ideas of government are being transplanted to American soil.

"The Ship of State has been caught in a storm. It is the kind of a storm in which democracies are being destroyed in other parts of the world. Both the legislative and judicial branches of the government are in a weakened condition. Increasing powers are being concentrated in the hands of the Executive. Here is an ominous trend toward dictatorship."

(1) Human Cunning vs. Divine Wis-

dom. Two diverse ideologies united in trying to destroy Jesus. The Pharisees, opponents of the Roman government, conspired with the Herodians, who supported it. These two groups worked against the Christ. Yet, they marvelled at the wisdom He displayed in answering their trick question—a question which they thought would expose Him to the charge of SEDITION.

"Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar, or not?" The interrogation was worded in a way to trap the Master. When conspirators want to destroy an innocent victim, they usually resort to entrapment.

He demanded to see a coin. "And he saith unto them, Whose is the image and and superscription? And they said unto him, Caesar's. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's. And they marvelled at him."

"Well, if the coin be Caesar's, turn it back to Caesar. Why quibble over a thing so obvious? And see that you do the same with things that belong to God."

(2) Bondservants of God. The Christian is purchased, not with silver or gold, but the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore he is the bondservant to the One who bought him—bound to do His will. In doing the will of God, however, he finds true freedom, for, "If the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

"Honor all men." Because man is made in the image of God and has untold possibilities! Sammy Morris, the black slave boy from Africa, had within him enough of God to revitalize missionary work throughout the world. Under the whip of a brutal master there seemed little in his quivering flesh which called for honor... but God saw and honored him with a great commission.

"Love the brotherhood." Through Christ, believers become children of God, and brethren in the heavenly family. Regardless of color or condition, there is kinship between all who are in Christ.

"Fear God." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Fear to disobey Him. Fear to do anything He would not approve. This discipline begets love which compels obedience.

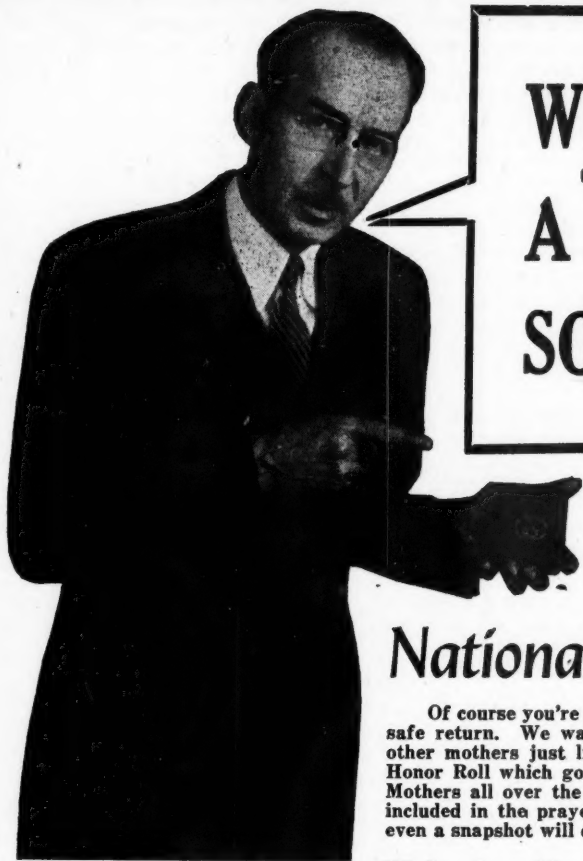
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"Honor the king." Honor him because of the office he holds by the permissive will of God. This does not mean, however, that Christians are required to acquiesce to the whims and decisions of wicked rulers. They have an obligation to their community and posterity to advocate changes, when governmental policies drift into anti-Christian channels.

November 26, 1944

CHRISTIAN VIEW OF INDUSTRY

Luke 19:15-26; II Thess. 3:10-12.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Let him that stole steal no more; but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have (whereof) to give to him that needeth." Ephesians 4:28.

When these Scriptures were written social conditions throughout the Roman Empire were deplorable. There were sixty million slaves who had no rights. An owner could put a slave to death with impunity. The slaves and lower classes of Romans were given food, entertainment and houses in order to keep them from rebelling against the leaders. The Roman government of those times compared favorably with modern new deal bureaucracy and regimentation.

Because of these conditions, Paul taught Christian citizens the nobility and necessity of work, that they might not be dependent on a pagan government for

existence. He wanted believers to be as free and independent as possible under the existing circumstances. Doles and WPA projects tend to lower self-respect. An honest day's work for an honest day's pay, is the honorable order of life.

According to the divine economy, work is meant to be a blessing to man, rather than a hardship. God commanded Adam and Eve to take care of the Garden, even before sin entered. There was no fatigue or pain connected with toil. These came later as the result of sin. The old sayings, "Satan has some mischief still for idle hands to do," and "An idle mind is the devil's workshop" still hold good.

(1) The Teaching of Jesus Regarding Work. Jesus had just taken dinner with Zachaeus in Jericho. His statement, "Today is salvation come to this house," caused some to think the anticipated kingdom would soon appear. But by use of a parable He indicated it was still far in the future. He explained that His followers were to carry on His work in the interim, until the kingdom should be inaugurated. Christians are meant to be workers.

A certain nobleman went to a far country and received an inheritance. Before leaving, he called ten servants and gave each the same amount of money, saying, "Occupy until I come." They were to transact the master's business as though he were present. They were to exercise their own initiative in increasing the owner's wealth.

When he returned, the servants were called to give their reports. One had eleven pounds, another six pounds. Each


received commendation and reward. The nobleman did not censure the one whose work produced only half as much as the other's. Honest effort counted more than results gained.

But one servant, honest and lazy, returned the one pound, with an alibi. He began by putting the blame on the owner: "I was afraid because you are such a hard master, and expect too much from us. You even reap where you do not sow." This of course, like most excuses, was false. He was simply confessing his own lack of faithfulness, industry, perseverance and obedience. His talent did no one any good, not even himself, because he refused to use it.

The Christian who has not envisioned the glory of service for his Lord, and finds the cares of life more engrossing than spiritual development, falls into the category of the slothful servant. He may argue that he has lived an exemplary life, and not squandered his talent. But that is not enough! The Christian life must be aggressive, a daily growth in grace and knowledge . . . or it shrinks into uselessness. The wicked and lazy man lost the one pound he had, for it is a law of life "from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath."

(2) The Teaching of Paul Regarding Work. Paul was probably the hardest worker who ever used his talents in preaching the Gospel. Often in addition to doing missionary work and presiding over Churches, he was compelled to labor at his trade, tent-making, in order to keep going. He was qualified to speak with authority on the subject of labor.

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Paul appeals to such persons. They should be busy producing their own bread, not begging from others . . . and have no time to be "busybodies." Says an old proverb: "Laziness is the father of poverty and the grandfather of theft." Honest toil not only gives one honest bread, it also provides a means of helping those who are in real need. Then, like the "Village Blacksmith," it may be said of those who serve others:

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And looks the whole world in the face,
For he owes not any man.

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Each evening sees its close;
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose.

December 3, 1944

WORLD-WIDE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

John 17:18-23; I Cor. 1:1-3; 12:4-7, 12-13.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word . . . That they all may be one." John 17:20, 21.

Christianity is an organism. Every twice born soul is a unit, a cell, in the body of Christ, pulsating with life eternal. Our relation to Him is that of the branch to the vine. Christians, thus united with Christ, respond to the same spiritual impulses, regardless of their geographical location.

Facing the Cross, Jesus offered a wonderful prayer regarding the unity of His followers. He foresaw a weapon in the hand of Satan by which attempts would be made to create division and strife among believers. This, in turn, would weaken the Cause as a whole. The burden of His prayer was that they who bear His Name might have the same close association which He enjoys with the Father.

When Paul wrote the Church at Corinth less than thirty years after the crucifixion, division had already put in its ugly appearance. Humanly invented teachings were being substituted for those of Christ. Division was the result. Some were saying, "I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ."

(1) **Why Be a Christian?** Every human being is endowed with a worshipful nature. Christ alone can satisfy this inward craving of the soul. The conscience warns of retribution for sins committed. Only by accepting the finished work of the Cross can one be free from the sense of guilt which sin places upon the soul.

The greatest achievement in life is to find solution for the sin problem. Having attained this goal, Christians are in possession of eternal wealth—incomparable wealth. These riches of Grace serve to bind them together in unity of spirit, purpose and brotherly love.

The believer feels something of the Master's passion which caused Him to say: "I have glorified thee on the earth; I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word."

(2) **Can Christians Be One?** While various Church denominations are inevitable, reflecting the multiple types of human beings, yet certain basic doctrines make spiritual unity possible and necessary. "Faith comes by hearing" the

Scriptures faithfully expounded. When men are loyal to the oracles of revelation there will be a natural basis for fellowship.

The existence of God is a fact which cannot be questioned. We either believe in Him, or we do not. Those who do, are united in this respect. Jesus Christ is His Son, the supreme revelation of deity to humanity. We either believe in Him, or we do not. Those who do, are united in this respect.

"All men have sinned and come short of the glory of God." There is one remedy for sin. We either accept it, or we do not. Those who do, are united in this respect. The same principle applies to every fundamental of the Christian Faith. In all basic matters, Christians can agree. In matters which are open to opinions, liberty of expression exists.

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The Body of Christ on earth, the Church, has many parts . . . yet it is one body. Paul used the human body to illustrate this point. "For the body is not one member but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? The members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

In Christ there is no East or West.
In Him no South or North.
But one great fellowship of Love,
Throughout the whole wide earth.
Join hands then, brothers of the faith.
What'er your race may be:
Who serves my Father as a son,
Is surely kin to me.

December 10, 1944

CHRIST IN THE HOME

Matt. 19:4-6; Luke 10:38-42; II Tim. 1:3-6.

GOLDEN TEXT: "These things I command you, that ye may love one another." John 15:17.

(1) God's Ideal For a Happy Home. The Pharisees, more concerned with tem-

poral matters than the spiritual principles around which God's children should pattern their lives, inquired of Jesus regarding the legality of divorce. He replied that because of their wickedness, God permitted separation as an expedient — but such was not in keeping with highest human well-being.

The relationship of husband and wife is intended to be even more sacred than that of parents and children. "For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh."

Although children are admonished throughout the Bible to honor parents, yet Jesus places marriage above matters filial. Following marriage, the first and highest duty of each is to the other . . . and henceforth they are to live for one another. Two lives are knit in union so close that only death can dissolve the compact. "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."

Such marriages, of course, are based upon mutual love, understanding and patience. No matter how well lovers, during courtship, think they know each other, they will later discover faults, peculiarities of taste and temper previously unknown. But they will also discover good points and graces of character of which they were unaware. The prayer of the mariner, as he puts out to sea, is good for newlyweds: "Keep me, O God, for my boat is so small and the ocean so wide."

(2) A Home Jesus Loved. Two sisters and a brother owned this home at Bethany, in which the Master delighted to tarry from earthly cares—enjoying quiet respites with His disciples. "Martha received him into her house." It is a wise family that extends a welcome to the Lord Jesus Christ. Through family Bible readings, prayer and spiritual devotions, the presence of the Christ may be felt in our homes today.

Martha was the elder sister, the person of authority and responsibility, in this household. "She had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet." From the custom of sitting beneath an

instructor, the phrase, "sitting at one's feet" came to mean being a disciple of that particular person. She "heard," or correctly translated, "kept listening" to Him.

Martha was concerned with "housework"—the physical welfare of her guests. There were many duties. She was "cumbered," or tired and nervous to the point of distraction. Patience exhausted, she "came to him" from some other part of the home and exclaimed: "Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone?"

"Martha, Martha," He replied, "thou art careful and troubled about many things." Being engrossed with material matters, she failed to attach proper importance to spiritual values.

Wherein was Mary's attitude better than Martha's. Both were true-hearted followers of the Master — the one absorbed in the higher, the other in the lower of the two ways of honoring their Lord. The one represents the CONTEMPLATIVE, the other the ACTIVE style of Christian character. A Church full of Marys would perhaps be as great a handicap to Christian service as a Church full of Marthas. Both are needed. Each complements the other.

(3) A Home Paul Loved. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." This proverb is exemplified in the life of the young Evangelist, whom Paul lovingly designated his "own son in the faith."

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blanca—these are not strange, far-off places where our loved ones are alone. Whether your boy be on the lonely wastes of the broad Pacific, on the North Atlantic or the Arctic, in the stratosphere, Christ is with him! Is that not a comforting thought?"

● Second . . . Whether on a field of battle or in some place of comparative safety, nothing can touch the Christian unless God so wills.

"War means danger, the possibility of wounds, perhaps death. The folly of worrying could never be more obvious, however, than in this instance. With unseen bullets flying all around, fragments of bombs and shells filling the air, how futile for the Christian soldier to worry—or for his loved ones to worry! Not one of those millions of potential death-dealing fragments can be swerved one one-thousandth of an inch by all the worry in the world. What is going to be is going to be, unless you believe in a God great enough and strong enough and wise enough to swerve the bullet if it is not His will for our loved one to be hit at that particular time. 'But,' someone may say, 'you really don't mean that God would actually intervene and change the course of a bullet or shell fragment, do you?' I answer an unequivocal yes! It is recorded in the book of Job that His Majesty the Devil, the arch-foe of every believer, said to God concerning Job: 'Hast not thou put an hedge about him, and about all that he hath on every side.' It was only with God's explicit permission that Satan was able to touch first Job's property and family, and later his body."

● Third . . . Even death is bracketed within the permissive will of God and can only take our loved one into the presence of the Lord he loves.

"Oh Christian friend, do you really believe this? If you don't, you are going to make it hard for yourself, if God should take your boy. It is so much better to get this matter settled in your heart

on this side of the crisis, not only that you may be prepared, should the death notice come suddenly, but also that you may have freedom from the dread that it may come."

● Fourth . . . Victory over death is certain because of Christ's triumph over the tomb, and the further assurance of resurrection promised the believers in the Word of God.

"Need I elaborate on this truth? We understand clearly, do we not, that the Scripture carefully distinguishes between the personality and the body? We have never seen even our dearest loved one. The body is not the true self, but the home in which the personality lives while on earth. As James says, 'The body without the spirit is dead.' The body is dead but not the spirit. The spirit lives on, either in the presence of the Lord or banished from His presence forever. However, the body is dear to God also, as it is to us. We know each other through the instrumentality of our bodies. Our bodies must rise, else Christ would be defeated by sin and Satan, for He must be Victor over all the curse and its effect."

● Fifth . . . In the face of death, the family circle remains unbroken and indestructible.

"When the members of our family circle are believers in the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour, we shall never part permanently. All our partings are temporary. Just as your boy went away for awhile to serve his country, so God may call him or one of you home to heaven before he returns home to America. It may be Mother or Dad or sister or brother. But the parting

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